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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A suspended light source holder holding apparatus for a non-artificial jack-o-lantern having a top integument portion, said light source holder apparatus comprising:

- (a) a light source holding portion positionable within the interior of the jack-o-lantern, and
- (b) means for removably securing said light source holding portion to the top integument portion of the non-artificial jack-o-lantern by way of frictional engagement of said securing means with said top integument portion from said interior, without extension of said securing means apparatus through said top integument portion of said non-artificial jack-o-lantern to the exterior of said jack-o-lantern.

Claims 2 (currently amended): The suspended light source holder according to claim 1, further comprising means for spacing said light source holding portion in suspended spaced relation from the top integument portion of the jack-o-lantern below said securing means.

Claim 3 (original): The suspended light source holder according to claim 2, wherein said light source holding portion is of a generally planar configuration.

Claim 4 (original): The suspended light source holder according to claim 3, wherein said spacing means comprises one or more rigid leg members, with each of said one or more rigid leg members having a leg upper end portion adjacent said securing means, and a leg lower end portion adjacent said light source holding portion.

Claim 5 (original): The suspended light source holder according to claim 4, wherein said securing means comprises one or more barb members, with each of said one or more barb members in substantially juxtaposed relation with said leg upper end portion of a respective one of said one or more rigid leg members.

Claim 6 (original): The suspended light source holder according to claim 5, wherein said securing means further comprises one or more barb limit members, with each of said one or more barb limit members respectively positioned between each of said one or more barb members and said leg upper end portion of said respective one of said one or more rigid leg members.

Claim 7 (original): The suspended light source holder according to claim 6, wherein said one or more rigid leg members comprise three rigid leg members, wherein said one or more barb limit members comprise three barb limit members, and wherein said one or more barb members comprise three barb members.

Claim 8 (original): The suspended light source holder according to claim 7, wherein said spacing means further comprises one or more strengthening band members positioned in a first substantially circumferential relationship around said three rigid leg members, such that a notional plane bisecting

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a respective one of said one or more strengthening band members into two congruent circumferentially complete rings is substantially parallel to said generally planar configuration of said light source holding portion, so as to define at least an upper strengthening band member.

Claim 9 (original): The suspended light source holder according to claim 8, wherein said upper strengthening band member is positioned relative to said three rigid leg members so as to define three vents above said upper strengthening band member and below said three barb limit members.

Claim 10 (original): The suspended light source holder according to claim 9, wherein said light source holding portion is substantially circular in shape.

Claim 11 (original): The suspended light source holder according to claim 10, wherein said light source holding portion is shaped so as to define a recessed light securing portion.

Claim 12 (original): The suspended light source holder according to claim 11, wherein said spacing means further comprises a selectively openable and closable non-opaque windscreens member positioned in a second substantially circumferential relationship around said three rigid leg members, below said upper strengthening band member.

Claim 13 (original): The suspended light source holder according to claim 12, wherein said recessed light securing portion comprises a bottom surface shaped so as to define an aperture therethrough.

Claim 14 (original): The suspended light source holder according to claim 13, wherein said recessed light securing portion is adapted to hold a candle member in fixed upright relation on said bottom surface above said aperture.

Claim 15 (original): The suspended light source holder according to claim 14, wherein said three rigid leg members are elongate, with each of said three rigid leg members defining an individual leg axis, with each said individual leg axis being oriented substantially perpendicular to said generally planar configuration of said light source holding portion.

Claim 16 (original): The suspended light source holder according to claim 3, wherein said spacing means comprises one or more first swivel members and one or more rigid leg members, with said one or more first swivel members adjacent said securing means, and with each of said one or more rigid leg members having a leg upper end portion adjacent said one or more first swivel members and a leg lower end portion adjacent said light source holding portion, and wherein said securing means comprises one or more second mating swivel members engaging said one or more first swivel members in fastened pivoting relation.

Claim 17 (original): The suspended light source holder according to claim 16, wherein said securing means further comprises one or more barb members, with each of said one or more barb members in substantially juxtaposed relation with said one or more second mating swivel members.

Claim 18 (original): The suspended light source holder according to claim 17, wherein said securing means further comprises a heat shield member interposed between said one or more barb members

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and said one or more second mating swivel members.

Claim 19 (original): The suspended light source holder according to claim 18, wherein said one or more first swivel members comprise one first swivel member, and wherein said one or more second mating swivel members comprise one second mating swivel member.

Claim 20 (original): The suspended light source holder according to claim 19, wherein said one or more rigid leg members comprise two rigid leg members, with said two rigid leg members being positioned in substantially load balanced equilibrium with said light source holding portion.

Claim 21 (original): The suspended light source holder according to claim 20, wherein said first swivel member comprises a catch member and said second mating swivel member comprises a hook member.

Claim 22 (original): The suspended light source holder according to claim 21, wherein said light source holding portion is substantially circular in shape.

Claim 23 (original): The suspended light source holder according to claim 22, wherein said light source holding portion is shaped so as to define a recessed light securing portion.

Claim 24 (original): The suspended light source holder according to claim 23, wherein said spacing means further comprises a selectively openable and closable non-opaque windscreens member positioned in substantially circumferential relationship around said two rigid leg members, below said upper end portions.

Claim 25 (original): The suspended light source holder according to claim 24, wherein said recessed light securing portion comprises a bottom surface shaped so as to define an aperture therethrough.

Claim 26 (original): The suspended light source holder according to claim 25, wherein said recessed light securing portion is adapted to hold a candle member in fixed upright relation on said bottom surface above said aperture.

Claim 27 (original): The suspended light source holder according to claim 26, wherein said two rigid leg members are elongate, with each of said two rigid leg members defining an individual leg axis, with each said individual leg axis being oriented substantially perpendicular to said generally planar configuration of said light source holding portion.

Claim 28 (original): The suspended light source holder according to claim 21, wherein said light source holding portion comprises a first light source securing member and a second light source securing member, with each of said two rigid leg members engaging a different one of said first light source securing member and said second light source securing member.

Claim 29 (original): The suspended light source holder according to claim 28, wherein each of said first light source securing member and said second light source securing member is respectively substantially circular in shape.

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Claim 30 (original): The suspended light source holder according to claim 29, wherein each of said first light source securing member and said second light source securing member is respectively shaped so as to define a recessed light securing portion.

Claim 31 (original): The suspended light source holder according to claim 30, wherein each of said first light source securing member and said second light source securing member respectively further comprises a selectively openable and closable non-opaque windscreens member, with each said selectively openable and closable non-opaque windscreens member being respectively positioned in substantially circumferential relationship around a respective one of said first light source securing member and said second light source securing member.

Claim 32 (original): The suspended light source holder according to claim 31, wherein each said recessed light securing portion respectively comprises a bottom surface shaped so as to define an aperture therethrough.

Claim 33 (original): The suspended light source holder according to claim 32, wherein each said recessed light securing portion is respectively adapted to hold a candle member in fixed upright relation on each respective said bottom surface above each respective said aperture.

Claim 34 (original): The suspended light source holder according to claim 33, wherein said two rigid leg members are elongate, with each of said two rigid leg members defining an individual leg axis, with each said individual leg axis being oriented substantially perpendicular to said generally planar configuration of said light source holding portion.